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University of Toronto Alumni Association

of Buffalo and Niagara Falls

July 4th., '18.

Sir Robert Falconer, President of Toronto University

My dear Mr. Falconer:-

Your letter of 4th. Ult., in reply to mine of some days previous, duly received. I must acknowledge my indebtness for the kindly good will shown and your desire to make it a feature of your future celebrations, in the University, to have us invited to the occasions. I will be pleased to avail myself of such, if possible. Others of our Alumni will no doubt also feel as I do.

We had no word of a federated meeting of our Alumni, this year, so presume none was held. The war seems to supercede all things and, till peace again reigns, we cannot expect normal and civil life to take its place in our affairs. The address of A. Monroe Greier, K.C., of Toronto, at our Falls meeting, on the 7th. Ult. was certainly very fine. We all enjoyed his remarks, on "The literature of the war, in Great Britain and Germany".

Another topic of much personal interest to myself, which I wish to ask your kindly assistance in straightening up. When I graduated in the spring of 1878, in medicine, in University of Toronto, I was successful in securing the Starr Gold medal and the Silver medal from that institution. My brother Hector A. Bonnar had been the competitor for the scholarships for the three or four previous years, but having taken his M.P.S.O. degree the year before I graduated, he had started practice and did not return to compete for the medals. I being a year his junior, I simply took his place, in the next examination, in 1878. Now the faculty labored under the belief that he, not I was the competitor, hence his name appeared in the graduation announcements as winning the medals, yet the medal was struck off with my name, all right. Still in all the annual announcements, since then, save in one suppliment, the

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credit of winning the medals,was given to H.A.Bonnar instead of John D.Bonnar. The time it was corrected in the supplement was when Dr.W.T.Stuart,who had graduated the year previous and knew all about it, had secured the correction,at my request. That it should be corrected needs no argument,yet it did not particularly matter with me here,only I feel that the record might be looked up and my claim not duly credited,as it now stands,although I have the medals to show for it. If you will make this your interest and do me the favor of having the record changed,as indicated,I shall highly appreciate your favor.Thanking you in advance for anything you may find it convenient to do,in this matter,I am,

Yours very truly,

John D. Bonnar

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July 9th, 1918

Dr. J. D. Posnar,

Buffalo.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of Sir Robert Falconer I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. and to say that in regard to your name being printed in the Medical Calendar for the Starr and Silver Medal lists it has been corrected for many years. The Gold Medal list was corrected in the Calendar for 1912-13 and that of the Silver Medal in 1896-97. I am sending you a calendar and you will find the lists on pages 115 and 116.

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.

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University of Toronto Alumni Association

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Sep.Ist.,'18.

Sir Robert A.Falconer,

My dear Mr.Falconer:-

I am applying for apointment in the Medical Reserve Corps,U.S.Army,with the object of serving in France. I thought a letter from you,as President of the University of Toronto, setting forth my standing upon graduation from that institution,in 1878,would be of material advantage. Any personal endorsement,you may add will also be much appreciated.

As action upon this matter is expected in the near future,an early reply will facilitate its progress. With kind regards and the compliments of our Alumni,I am,

Yours very truly,

John D. Bonnar

September 4th, 1918

Dr. J. D. Ponnar,

188 Jewett Avenue,

Buffalo.

Dear Dr. Ponnar:

In the absence of Sir Robert Falconer in England I am sending you a certificate of your graduation for use in applying to the American Medical Reserve Corps.

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.

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January 14th., '19.

Sir Robert A. Falconer,

Dear Mr. Falconer:-

As the time of our Annual Dinner is growing close, we are trying to get some things cleared upwhich have rather slipped our memory. I refer to the matter of your address, on that occasio Just this evening one of our publishers asked me to have your photo, so as to use it in connection with your address. I will be glad to have you send me a photo, at once and likewise some few copies of your address, so as to get same into our papers, in correct form. I hope it is not too late for you to have such done. Of course it will be all right to have the copies with you, only it would just give a little better chance, if I had the copies by Fridg morning. Come to think about it, I would just a little rather have you take same right with you, as copies, which Dr. Robison, of Ottawa, sent last year, were delayed and arrived rather behind hand.

We will have some of our members at the depot to meet you, upon arrival, so it might e well to look out for them. Hoping to see you soon and that all will pass off in good form, I am

Yours very truly,

J. D. Bonnar

January 16th, 1919

Dr. J. D. Bonnar,

Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Bonnar:

I am hoping to be with you to-morrow evening. I leave at 1:15 by the C.P.R. and should arrive in Buffalo some time after five o'clock.

I am sorry that I have not my address in such a form as to enable me to give it to the newspapers. It will have to be mainly extemporary.

I am looking forward with much pleasure to my visit.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

On Friday, 17th of January, there was a meeting of the Toronto Alumni of Buffalo and Niagara Falls, N.Y. held in the Buffalo Club at which there were present about twenty guests. Dr. J. D. Bonnar presided and Mr. Felix Prochnow, who has been an untiring secretary of the Club since its beginning, made very suitable arrangements for the meeting. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to Mr. Prochnow expressing good will to Mr. Prochnow in view of his recent marriage.

Dr. Bonnar outlined what had been done by the Association and the opportunity given by members of the University of Toronto to unite closely in sympathy the circles in the United States and Canada among which the Alumni move.

The President of the University spoke on the recent war work of the University, the proposals that were afoot for constituting some memorial in recognition of the work done by our university soldiers, and told something also of the work of the Canadian Army overseas.

Addressed were also made by Mr. N. A. MacKinnon, a graduate of the University, and by Mr. Crosby, a prominent manufacturer of Buffalo and a Canadian by birth and education.

January 22nd, 1919